



John Clegg (center), of England, is shown during tour of Karastan Mill. At left is the Rev. J. K. McConnell, industrial chaplain who accompanied the visitor on tour of the mill. Seated is Elizabeth Carter, of the Designing Department.

John Clegg, English Architect, Visits Mills

Y's Men's Official, On Visit To Tri-Cities, Is Conducted On Tour Of Fieldcrest Plant

The Karastan Mill had an interesting visitor last week in the person of John Clegg, of Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, England.

Mr. Clegg, an architect, was in this country as a delegate to the 39th International Y's Men's Convention held in Buffalo, N. Y. August 4-8. He was invited to spend a week in North Carolina before returning to England.

He visited Y's Men's Clubs in Charlotte, Kannapolis, High Point and in the Tri-City area. He was guest of honor and speaker at a joint dinner meeting of the Draper, and Leaksville-Spray, Y's Men's Clubs Tuesday evening, August 13 at the Mar-Gre Restaurant.

The following morning he was given a tour of the Karastan Mill. Accompanied by the Rev. J. K. McConnell, industrial chaplain, he visited the Designing Department and all of the manufacturing department. As an architect, he was quite interested in the Designing Department.

Invited By Y's Men

Mr. Clegg made the Tri-City visit at the invitation of Charles Fair, president of the Leaksville-Spray Y's Men's Club and Melvin Pruitt, of the Blanket Mill Inspecting Department who is president of the Draper Y's Men's Club. Mr. Fair and Mr. Pruitt attended the convention in Buffalo.

In England, Mr. Clegg is the senior architect at the Weston-Super-Mare office of a London firm of architects engaged in building projects throughout the British Isles.

He is youth leader at the Weston-Super-Mare YMCA, a past president of the Y's Men's Club there and has been extremely active in organizing Y's Men's Clubs in England. He is an official of a number of other community organizations in Weston-Super-Mare.

Shaw, Retiree, Donates Time To Community

Unselfish service to the community is bringing great satisfaction to a retired employee of the Towel Mill.

Leroy Shaw, who retired as a weaver in 1960, donates his full time to the job of desk sergeant for the Fieldale Fire Department. A real volunteer, he receives no pay, not even compensation for uniforms or laundering.

Mr. Shaw is extremely well liked by Fieldale citizens and has received praise for the important service he is rendering. The firemen and townspeople are pleased with his good work and are grateful for his services.

He is on the job at the fire station every day and stays until after 11 p. m. He answers all fire calls, notes the type of fire, the location and the best route for getting to it. He turns on the siren and writes on the bulletin board the in-

formation needed by the firemen as they arrive.

While the Fieldale firemen are battling a fire, Mr. Shaw keeps in touch with the fire truck by radio. He arranges for help from other fire departments in Henry County and Martinsville, if needed. An associate member of the Fieldale Fire Department, he is not a frontline firefighter due to health reasons.

Mr. Shaw has lived alone at the Virginia Home in Fieldale since his wife died a few years ago. His only child, a daughter, lives in South Carolina. Following his retirement under the Fieldcrest Pension Plan, he took a few trips but soon found that he had time on his hands.

Wanted To Be Of Service

He volunteered for the fire department job because he wanted to perform a useful service for the community. Also, he was acquainted with most of the members of the Fire Department and liked them. His work as desk sergeant gives him an opportunity to associate with these friends practically every day.

There are firemen on all three shifts at the Towel Mill and they usually stop by the fire station after they leave the mill. Mr. Shaw makes it a practice to have coffee ready for them when they drop in at the station or return from fighting a fire.

He takes pride in the Fieldale Fire Department and its fine record. "I think we've got the best fire department in the country and I'm proud to be a part of it," he said.

Mr. Shaw worked at the Towel Mill for many years before his retirement, although all of his service was not continuous. He was a real pioneer at



LEROY SHAW

... Serves Fieldale Community ...

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